

With great enthusiasm, we present to our readers the second issue of *Plenário* – the Legal Journal of the Chamber of Deputies. The quantity, thematic variety, and above all, the quality of the submitted articles renewed our team’s certainty that we were right in creating this still young, but already robust, periodical. Each stage of the editorial journey was a learning experience where joint reflection and good humor were never lacking. Even with weeks and days that were too short, the experience was an excellent teacher of discipline, collegiality, and passion for the project. We conclude this cycle even more united and aware of our common and ongoing purpose.

We would commit an unforgivable injustice if we failed to express our special thanks to those who made this edition possible. First and foremost, our deepest gratitude to the dedicated staff and collaborators of the Chamber of Deputies who worked directly in editorial support – whether in text revision, layout, message exchange, administration of the journal’s website, or other behind-the-scenes activities that were as quiet as they were indispensable. The professionalism and commitment of each one ensured the success of the process, even in the face of challenging deadlines.

Likewise, we express our deep gratitude to the reviewers who evaluated the submitted articles. These experts, anonymously and voluntarily, dedicated their scarce time and vast knowledge to critically analyze the works, contributing decisively to ensuring the quality of the published texts and enriching the proposed debates. Without the support of these colleagues, we would not have achieved the excellence we aspire to for the journal.

We extend our sincerest congratulations to the authors of this edition, whose research, reflections, and innovative approaches bring life to the pages of *Plenário*. Each contribution received reaffirms the vitality of contemporary legal thought and the importance of spaces dedicated to committed and pluralistic academic production. *Plenário*’s choice honors us and inspires us to continue improving the editorial project. Thank you very much for providing readers with a collection of articles that reflects the diversity and vitality of contemporary legal-parliamentary debate.

In “Peace, the mission of law in the face of the storm: words of Francis”, Raúl Gustavo Ferreyra discusses how the pursuit of peace is not merely an end to be achieved, but an essential part of the very reason for the existence of the legal system, the greatest mission of contemporary constitutionalism.

In the text “Insurgent power of the multitude”, Robson Barbosa explores how the masses, with their sporadic and emotional movements, often driven by social media, can influence established power structures and pave the way for new paradigms of democratic participation and legislative reform.

“We want food, fun and art”: authoritarianism, redemocratization and consolidation of cultural rights in the National Constituent Assembly of 1987-1988”, by Jefferson Chaves, Leonardo Marques and Mamede Maia Filho, addresses the social mobilization that resulted in the unprecedented paradigm of a cultural Constitution, inaugurated by the 1988 Charter when it recognized culture as a fundamental right.

“Environmental governance in Latin America: a comparative analysis of the region’s countries’ adherence to the Escazú Agreement”, by José Mário Gomes Neto, in turn, offers an overview of the challenges and advances in environmental management in our region and invites reflection on how Latin American parliaments have addressed this issue.

Teresa Melo, in “Principle of adequate or sufficient deliberation”, investigates criteria for evaluating whether a parliamentary debate was sufficiently broad and deep. She argues that the same degree of reasoning typical of judicial proceedings cannot be demanded of the Legislative Branch, but rather a structural guarantee of discursive openness.

In their article “The role of the Court of Auditors as an external control body in public administration”, Fabiano Tioffi and Patricia Medeiros highlight the competencies of the courts of auditors, discuss practical cases of their work, point out the challenges faced in making this work even more effective and transparent, and reinforce the importance of dialogue between control bodies and Parliament.

With rich and intriguing examples of laws that failed, “Legislative errors and failures: the most common causes and flaws in legislative planning”, by Roberta Simões, contributes to improving future lawmaking, preventing the repetition of mistakes, and promoting a culture of critical evaluation in the Legislative Process.

In “The inviolability of city councilors in the jurisprudence of the Brazilian Supreme Federal Court: from the scope of immunity to civil liability”, Daniel Amorim Neves, Felipe Gonzales, and Eduardo Maia da Silveira explain, through a review of the jurisprudence of the Federal Supreme Court, how the justices have interpreted the limits and scope of the inviolability of city councilors for their opinions,

words, and votes. They take into account the transformation of political communication in the digital age, particularly with the use of social media in campaigns and parliamentary activity.

“Institutionalization of the 2030 Agenda in the parliament of Pará: legislative capacities, information management, and institutional coordination”, by Débora Fernandes and João Cláudio Arroyo, presents an inspiring case study on the incorporation of the Sustainable Development Goals at the state legislative level, a methodology that can serve as a model for other legislative houses.

“Consequentialism and its recognition in the Brazilian legal system: the duty to consider practical consequences in judicial review of Public Administration decisions”, by Marilene Matos and Felipe Dalenogare Alves, concludes the volume with a reflection on the growing influence of the practical impacts of judicial and legislative decisions in our legal culture, in a relevant discussion about the balance between legal certainty and effectiveness.

We reiterate our ever-necessary gratitude to the Directing Board and the General Directorate of the Chamber of Deputies for their support in ensuring the continuation of this project. Without the institutional backing and encouragement of these bodies, the journal would not have consolidated so quickly nor achieved the reach it has already demonstrated in its second issue.

Now that we are certain of the scope of *Plenário*, we dare to conclude by borrowing the rhetoric of Ulysses Guimarães in his speech promulgating the Constitution: the historic democrat said that the nation had sent them to perform a service, and that they did it with love, dedication, and without fear.

Our friend Celso de Barros Correa Neto, director-general at the time of the creation of the *Plenário* journal, proposed that we carry out a service. We did it – and will continue to do so – with dedication, commitment, and great courage. We take this opportunity to thank you once again for the trust placed in us. We have been working to honor the responsibility we have assumed and to meet, with rigor and zeal, the expectations that have been entrusted to us.

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